

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A component comprising:

a synthetic wood layer comprising:

cellulosic filler in an amount of about 20% to about 70% by weight; and
polyvinyl chloride material in an amount of about 20% to about 70% by weight, said polyvinyl chloride material comprising:

polyvinyl chloride resin;

stabilizer in an amount of about 1 to about 10 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

lubricant in an amount of about 2 to about 12 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin; and

process aid in an amount of about 0.5 to about 8 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin; and

a foamed polymer layer secured to said synthetic wood layer, said foamed polymer layer ~~consisting essentially of~~comprising:

polyvinyl chloride resin;

stabilizer in an amount of about 1.5 to about 7 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

lubricant in an amount of about 3 to about 10 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;
process aid in an amount of about 6 to about 12 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin; and
blowing agent in an amount of about 0.3 to about 1 part per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin[.];

wherein said foamed polymer layer is substantially free of cellulosic filler and inorganic filler.

2. (canceled)

~~2~~ 3. (original) The component of claim 1 wherein said synthetic wood layer is chemically bonded to said foamed polymer layer.

~~3~~ 4. (original) The component of claim 1 wherein said synthetic wood layer is secured to said foamed polymer layer by an adhesive.

~~4~~ 5. (original) The component of claim 1 wherein said synthetic wood layer is secure to said foamed polymer layer by a mechanical fastening device.

~~5~~ 6. (original) The component of claim 1 wherein the component is of a type selected from the group consisting of fence components, furniture components, cabinet components, storage device components, lawn edging components, flower box components, floor components, roof components, wall covering components, building siding components, basement floor components, basement wall covering components, decorative house molding components, crown molding components, chair rail

components, picture frame components, porch deck components, deck railing components, window molding components, window components, door components, and door moldings.

6 ~~7~~. (previously presented) The component of claim 1 wherein said synthetic wood layer comprises said cellulosic filler in an amount of about 50% to about 60% by weight.

7 ~~8~~. (previously presented) The component of claim 1 wherein said synthetic wood layer comprises said polyvinyl chloride material in an amount of about 25% to about 60% by weight.

8 ~~9~~. (previously presented) The component of claim 1 wherein said polyvinyl chloride material comprises:

said stabilizer in an amount of about 2 to about 8 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

said lubricant in an amount of about 4 to about 10 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin; and

said process aid in an amount of about 2 to about 6 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

9 ~~10~~. (previously presented) The component of claim 1 wherein said polyvinyl chloride material further comprises inorganic filler in an amount up to about 10 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

10 ~~11~~. (previously presented) The component of claim 1 wherein said foamed polymer layer comprises:

said stabilizer in an amount of about 2 to about 4 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

said lubricant in an amount of about 4 to about 6 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

said process aid in an amount of about 8 to about 11 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin; and

said blowing agent in an amount of about 0.5 to about 0.8 part per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

12. (canceled).

13. (canceled).

|| 14. (currently amended) A component comprising:

a synthetic wood layer comprising:

cellulosic filler in an amount of about 30% to about 70% by weight; and

polypropylene material in an amount of about 30% to about 70% by weight, said polypropylene material comprising:

polypropylene resin; and

lubricant in an amount of about 10 to about 20 parts per 100 parts of said polypropylene resin; and

a foamed polypropylene layer secured to said synthetic wood layer[.];

wherein said foamed polypropylene layer is substantially free of cellulosic filler and inorganic filler.

- ¹²~~15~~. (previously presented) The component of claim 14 wherein said synthetic wood layer is chemically bonded to said foamed polypropylene layer.
- ¹³~~16~~. (previously presented) The component of claim 14 wherein said synthetic wood layer is secured to said foamed polypropylene layer by an adhesive.
- ¹⁴~~17~~. (previously presented) The component of claim 14 wherein said synthetic wood layer is secured to said foamed polypropylene layer by a mechanical fastening device.
- ¹⁵~~18~~. (previously presented) The component of claim 14 wherein the component is of a type selected from the group consisting of fence components, furniture components, cabinet components, storage device components, lawn edging components, flower box components, floor components, roof components, wall covering components, building siding components, basement floor components, basement wall covering components, decorative house molding components, crown molding components, chair rail components, picture frame components, porch deck components, deck railing components, window molding components, window components, door components, and door moldings.
- ¹⁶~~19~~. (previously presented) The component of claim 14 wherein:
- said synthetic wood layer comprises said cellulosic filler in an amount of about 50% to about 60% by weight; and
- said synthetic wood layer comprises said polypropylene material in an amount of about 40% to about 50% by weight.

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~~20.~~ (previously presented) The component of claim 14 wherein said polypropylene material comprises said lubricant in an amount of about 14 to about 19 parts per 100 parts of said polypropylene resin.

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~~21.~~ (previously presented) The component of claim 14 wherein said polypropylene material further comprises inorganic filler in an amount up to about 70 parts per 100 parts of said polypropylene resin.